# MINUTES OF THE WRITING COMPETENCY SUBCOMMITTEE

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Attending: V. Crisco (chair), R. Hansen, D. Hart, E. Hughes, A. Inoue, L. Zylezny

Missing: M. Brady

The meeting was called to order at 2PM by chair Crisco in HML room 4172.

# Old Business

## We need to approve the minutes from the last several meetings at the next meeting.

## Discussion about Proposal to meet the GWAR requirement

### The committee discussed implementing a directed self placement (DSP) program at the upper division level.

#### DSP is important for transitioning into the Writing in the Disciplines approach. It would no longer be a hoop to jump through for students but an opportunity to reflect and move forward. Students will need to assess themselves in that moment. Not clear, though, how the DSP process would happen.

#### Students options could be to pass out of the requirement through a test, take a course in their discipline, or there could be writing intensive majors. Some of the committee didn’t like the options to pass out or the writing intensive major options.

### To address the need for W courses in the disciplines, a jumbo course could be piloted. This would be where an instructor takes a course that is already required by the major and turn it into a W course. Jumbo courses would get writing fellows to help the faculty member read all of the writing, as there would be 50-100 students in each of these courses. There was some discussion about the potential to redesign Crim 100 for this purpose.

### The committee also discussed the role of the Upper Division Writing Exam (UDWE).

#### Motion: Oversight of the Upper Division Writing Exam should be under the purview of the Writing Across the Curriculum Office. R. Hansen supported the motion and E. Hughes seconded the motion. The committee will continue discussion on the motion at the next meeting and vote on it.

MSC to adjourn at 3PM

Next Meeting: March 13, 2014 in HML 4172